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Jan. 21, 1915.

R. Whitehead Esq.
Rupar,
Ambala District,
Punjab,
India.

Dear Sir:-

I received the other day the last two numbers from the Numismatic Society of India, together with a reminder that my dues for 1914 were still unpaid.

On June 13, 1914, I sent a money order, which in this country has to go through England to Mr. H. Nelson Wright, Bareilly, U. P. This should have reached India before the war. Is there any way in which you could trace this? I have received notnotice of this delay or non-payment from our post office. If however, you cannot straighten this out, let me know and I will send you another remittance.

I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

May 21, 1917.

R. B. Whitehead, Esq.,
Rupar, Ambala District,
Punjab, India.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor received, enclosing bill for back dues to the Numismatic Society of India for Seven Rupees three Annas. It seems impossible for our Post Office to determine on the right amount to send to India, which is the reason why I have paid you in various add amounts. I am herewith sending you a money order which I trust will make twenty-seven Rupees and three Annas. Please credit fifteen Rupees of this amount to Mr. Newell for dues for 1916, 1917 and 1918, and the balance please credit to me as far as it will go, which I think will include 1916, 1917 and 1918. If I remember rightly, I sent you a money order for Seven Rupees, Three Annas not many months ago, but I cannot place my hands on the date of it at present, and possibly did not send it.

Your letter to Mr. A. R. Frey, dated October 17, 1915, was turned over to us sometime ago. As you already know through Mr. Frey, the Durkee collection of Oriental and especially Indian coins, was located in the Metropolitan Museum of New York City. For some months we have been in communication with the Metropolitan Museum and they have recently turned over to us, on long time loan, this collection of coins and it is now in the building of the Society. As yet, neither Mr. Newell or myself have had much time to study it in detail. It is the intention here, to publish, or at least make available, the more important parts of this collection. Just when this will take place we cannot say now as the war will undoubtedly hold matter up. A brief survey of the subject makes us think it logical to begin with the Ghaznawi coins and work down through the Delhi Sultans and related Houses, including not only the Durkee coins, but the coins now

in the Society's collection, which includes the old Society's collection and the recent donations of Mr. Newell's and the writer's coins.

Naturally, the thought uppermost in our minds is that we here are a long way off from the place af issue, and not in touch with a competent numismatist on this subject, as well as historical documents, although we have here, about all of the published literature on the coins. It would be germane to the point for us to work with your guidance as much as possible. What have you to suggest in furthering this matter? Please let us know what you know concerning the Durjee collection, its history and ownership while in India, etc. In the meantime I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

March 11th, 1918.

Mr. R. B. Whitehead,
Rupar, Ambala District,
Punjab, India.

Dear Sir:-

Since my last letter to you on May 21st we have arranged and partly classified the straight Mohammedan section of the Durkee collection as well as Persia and Afghanistan. The strong parts of this collection however pertain to India. We have begun on the Indian coins, and have got the Dehli pieces and the contemporary states that are generally included as following the Dehli series. There seems to be a large number of rare pieces among these, and quite a number that Mr. Durkee called unique, but what research we have made up to date reduces this number of unique coins down to comparatively few. The Mogul coins we have not yet tackled. This series seems to be his strongest one, and we may find many rarities therein.

Is there any way in which our museum can receive specimens of coins that I understand the Indian Government distributes now and then under the Treasure Trove Act? If so, can you tell us how we can go about receiving these coins?

I have never received No. 28 of the Numismatic Supplement, nor can I find that any one in this country has. Would it be possible for you to send me another copy of this, as I am anxious to keep the file complete. Also can we get the Numismatic Supplement, Numbers 1 to 15? Ours begin with Number 16.

I beg to remain,

Yours most truly,

Curator.

Last proceedings 1917

June 27, 1919.

Mr. R. B. Whitehead,
Ambala City, Punjab, India.

Dear Sir:-

I am herewith sending you a Five Rupee Note to pay the balance of my dues for 1919.

I trust that now the war is over various Numismatic activities will be resumed. A year ago I wrote you concerning various things and did not get a reply. This probably was due to the uncertainty of the mails.

I am still very anxious to get Numismatic Supplement No.28 which we have never received. Can a copy of this be supplied? The last supplement we have got is number 30. Have any been issued since? If so we would very much like to get them. Also the last proceedings we have received was for 1917. We are very anxious to keep these up to date. Also we would very much like to get the Numismatic Supplements numbers 1-15. Also can you write if any more volumes are going to be issued of the collections at Calcutta and Lahore. I beg to remain

Very truly yours,

Curator.

Have not received NS 31
just received 32
& Proceedings for 1918

October 16th, 1919.

Mr. R. B. Whitehead,
Ambala City,
Punjab, India.

Dear Sir:-

Yesterday I received Numismatic Supplement 32 and the proceedings of the Numismatic Society of India for 1918. As yet I have not received Numismatic Supplement No. 31 nor No. 28. I would be very much obliged if you could send these on as well as the other ones mentioned in my previous letters. Did you receive my letter of June 27th enclosing the 5 rupee note to pay the balance of my dues for 1919 ?

I beg to remain,

Very sincerely,

Curator.

Howland Wood *Dr. to*

NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF INDIA.

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To Subscription for the years 1919	5	0	0

Rem^r

R Whitehead

Date 29/8/ *1919.*

Secretary & Treasurer.

METHODIST PUBLISHING HOUSE, LUCKNOW.

NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF INDIA.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Numismatic Society of India for the year 1918, will be held in the rooms of the Bombay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, Town Hall, Bombay on Friday, the 31st January, 1919 at 5-30 P. M.

The Honorary Secretary will be glad if members who are unable to attend in person will send communications of general interest to Captain H. M. Whittell, No. 3 Alexandra Docks, Bombay.

AMBALA CITY,
PUNJAB,
8th January 1919.

R. B. WHITEHEAD,
I. C. S,
Hony. Secretary.

Duplicate.

Hoshiarpur. (Punjab)
29-7-1920. British India.

Dear Sir,

I am afraid I am treating of what has become almost ancient history but I am now replying to your letters of May 21st ,1917; March 11th ,1918; June 27th,1919; October 16th , 1919 . I think that by this time you will have received Num/s Supplements ~~the~~ NOS: 28 and 31 and receipts for your subscrip tions up to date . I have also sent copies of these supplemen/s to the other American members . Num Supplements NOS: 1 to 15 as separately printed are out of stock . You could get them by purchasing the old numbers of the Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal in which they appeared --- the addr ress is Park Street , Calcutta.

Mr: Durkee purchased the Pandit Ratan Narain collection of Indian coins . I enclose a copy of the foreword to the Ratan Narain Catalogue . That C ollection was strongest in the issues of the Pathan Sultans of Dehli and the Mughal Empe- ror/s and contained many very fine coins . You mention the intention of publishing or at least making available the more important part of the Oriental Cabinet now located in the Metropolitan Museum of New York City . I do not know how far this work has progressed? The so-called Ratan Narain Catalogue of 1888 is a very poor production full of inaccuracies and uncertainties and I have long been anxious to inspect the Ratan Narain Coins. I have one year's leave promised from this October and it would give me very great pleasure to run over to New York to meet our American members and to see the Indian coins in the Metropolitan Museum . All being well I could probably manage this in the spring of 1921 . Perhaps you could give me a little information as to the best time for visiting New York , a reasonable place to put up and so on.

Please note my change of address. After nearly six years in Ambala I was transferred to this place last month . It is beautiful country extending up to the Himalayan foot hills.

To Howland Wood Esq.

Yours faithfully
R.B. Whitehead

P.T.O.

Pandit Ratan Narain of Dehli this
coin collection are mentioned on
the second page of C. J. Rodgers'
paper 'Notes on a List of Silver
Coins of Aurangzeb', J. A. S. B., 1883.

& "List of Indian coins collected by the late Pandit Ratan Chand Narain , Sheriff, Adalat of Dehli", Lahore; printed at the new Imperial Press by Syed Rajab Ali Shah ,1888.

Advertisement.

The undersigned begs to inform the reading public that his grandfather served for a long time as a Tahsildar in the Dehli District ; that his father Pandit Ratan Narain was an infant when his father died . He grew up and ..... secured an appointment in the District Court of Dehli . Gradually he was promoted to the post of Nazir . The authorities were pre pared to promote him to a higher office -------- but he preferred his Nazirship to any other post and thus managed to remain at Dehli . Being passionately fond of old coins , he devoted almost the whole of his leisure in their collection. By this means and by spending the savings of a life of toil, and also the fortune left him by his ancestors , he brought up and collected a very large variety of coins of gold ,silver and copper , and he had determined to publish a well arranged catalogue on his retirement from service , but he was not destined to carry out his long cherished wish in his life-time for it pleased Heaven to remove him from this world in February last . The undersigned regrets his inability to pub lish a complete list of the antiquities of which there are two boxes full; out of these an inventory of those that are de-cipherable or understood is annexed . Applications for the whole collection or for large portions such as one half or one fourth only will be entertained . These should be made either through the Deputy Commissioner , Dehli , or direct to---------- Pandit Har Narain,

Revenue Muharrir ,

Dehli.

The inventory or list is very incomplete and incorrect . How ever the collection is clearly a good one , prominent ~~varioti~~ rarities being:-

~~Gold.~~ Gold.

Muhammad Ibrahim

Azam Shah

Fateh Khan

P.T.O.

9 Zodiacal Mohars
Nur Jahan.
Bedar Bakht
Ram ~~Khan~~ Bakhsh (probably Bijapur)
Nasirud Din Khusru RBW

Silver.

Razia

Altmash

Bahram

Kaiumurs

Khusru

Mubarak Shah Syed.

Sikandar Sur

Dawar Bakhsh

Shah Jahan (Khurram)

Bedar Bakhte (Shahjahanabad)

Bahadur Shah

R. B. W.
29/7/20

September 15th, 1920

R. B. Whitehead, Esq.
Hoshiarpur
Punjab, Br. India

My dear Mr. Whitehead:

Your letter of July 29th arrived just on my return from England where I have been for the past five months. I certainly was most glad to hear from you, especially as I have been hearing more or less about you from Messrs. Valentine and Allen.

We would be most glad to have you stop over to New York on your leave of absence and put all our Oriental coins at your disposal for study while here. We have the Durkee collection incorporated in our own. We have a very strong collection of Mohammedan coins outside of this Durkee collection; and we recently purchased from Mrs. Hoernlé her husband's collection, so that I have no doubt that you would find a great deal to interest you here and a number of pieces about which you should know.

Our plans for publishing these are very vague, and this is a subject which we would like to discuss with you.

You will find New York very cold in winter, and our winters last through February. March is not so cold but it is, as a rule, very disagreeable. I would advise your coming here, if you can, any time after April 1st. Our summers are hot but you should not mind that.

When we know more definitely about your coming, we could make arrangements in some private family or boarding house near the museum for you. You will find living somewhat expensive here, but you will find that in any country you go to. We will try to fix you up as economically as possible. We shall be very glad to have you keep in touch with us, and if there is any other information you want we will do our best to give it to you.

Yours truly,

Curator

HM/VM

The Rectory.
Bootle.
Cumberland.
England.

20/4/21.

Dear Mr Howland-Wood.

I am now at home & free for the next three or four months. I should very much like to come to New York to meet the American members of our Society & to see the collections of Indian coins on your side. I propose to go to London at the beginning of May in order to commence work on a volume which will describe the coins of Nadir Shah & of the Durrani Dynasty struck at mints in Afghanistan & India. If it is quite convenient I shall arrange for a passage to New York about the last week of May & will write

you later on giving my dates. Will this be all right? I should like to spend about a month in & about New York and should be very grateful if you could arrange for accommodation at a moderate figure.

If you think it suitable I am ready to give one or two lectures on Indian coins. If two lectures were given, the first would be on Pre-Muhammadan coins & the second on Muhammadan coins. Of course the lectures would be much improved by lantern slides which could be easily prepared from suitable book plates. If you think well of this suggestion please see a tentative list which I am preparing & will forward in a day or two. Mr John Allan showed me your kind letter of Feb. 25th. Yours sincerely

R.B. Whitehead

May 3rd, 1911

R. B. Whitehead, Esq.
The Rectory
—Bootle, Cumberland

Dear Mr. Whitehead:

Your favour of April 20th just at hand, and I am most glad to hear from you. I suppose you received my letter of September 16th sent to India; in case you did not, I am sending you a copy herewith.

We shall be happy to see you here in June or any other time, and I can put our collection at your disposal of which I think much will interest you - if only in knowing where certain specimens are. We now have here about ten thousand coins collected by General Staroselsky in Persia. Although I have not yet looked at all of them, there are certainly a great number of Nadar Shah, but presumably almost all of Persian mints.

I can put you up wither in the neighbourhood of the Museum or, possibly, in my apartment with me, as the family will be away and the apartment may be quite empty.

Not having description of you, it might be hard to meet and recognize you at the dock. I suggest that you call me up on the telephone at the Society (Audubon 1484) if you arrive during the day, and at my house (Wadsworth 5140) if you land after 5.30p.m. At any rate if you do not receive more definite instructions in the meantime, come either direct to the Museum or my house, 615 West 162nd Street.

Unfortunately our numismatic season closes in May and we shall have no more meetings or lectures until October. In June it would be almost impossible to get together a sufficient number of people as so many leave town at this time of year. However, I will see that you meet as many members of the Indian Society as possible. You will find but little Indian material in this country besides what we have.

With kind regards to Mr. Allen and yourself, I am

Most truly yours,

Curator

M/E

At the Coin Room.
British Museum.
London W.C.1.
4/5/21.

Dear Mr Howland Wood.

In continuation of my last letter written about ten days ago I write to say that I am in London for the month of May & am trying for a passage to New York in the last week of this month. As soon as I have arranged it I will write & let you know. Meanwhile I wonder if you think well of my suggestion to give a couple of coin-lectures while I am in New York? If you think the subject will interest the members of the American Numismatic Society I am quite

willing to give two lectures which might be called :-

The Coins of North-West India

I. Pre-Muhammadan Issues.

II. Muhammadan Issues.

The subject is enormous & I shall have to condense; at the same time I think I can make an outline of sufficient interest. An interval of a week or ten days might separate the lectures. They will of course be much improved by lantern-slides, in fact I should scarcely like to give them without the help of slides. A course of four lectures which I delivered before the Punjab University was illustrated by slides prepared straight from book plates; & these slides were most successful. I suggest that if I lecture in New York slides might be prepared from the following plates contained in works which should be immediately available.

Yours sincerely

R. B. Whitehead

First Lecture.

I. Alexander Cunningham. Coins of Ancient India.

Frontispiece.

II do. do. Punch-marked coins. (Plate I).

III do. do. Tasila (Plate II).

IV do. do. Yaudheya (Plate VI).

(V) Alex^r Cunningham. ~~do. do.~~ Coins of Alexander's Successors in the East. Plate I. (Num. Chron. New Series. Vol VIII. Pl. VIII).

VI. As V. Plate IX (do. do. Apollodotos Vol. X ~~do~~. Pl. X).

VII. Alex^r Cunningham. Coins of the Sakas (Indo-Scythians). Plate II. Moa. (Num. Chron. Ser. III. Vol. X. Pl. V).

VIII. As VII. Pl. X. Gondophares. (Num. Chron. Ser. III. Vol. X. Pl. XIII).

IX. Alexr Cunningham. Coins of the Kushans.
Plate XV. (Num. Chron. Ser. III.
Vol. XII. Pl. V).

X do. do. Pl. X IX.
(do. do. do. Pl. IX).

XI. do. do. Coins of the White Huns.
Plate IX. (Num. Chron. Ser. III.
Vol. XIV. Pl. XI).

XII. Alexr Cunningham. Coins of
Mediaeval India. Plate IV. (Kashmir)

XIII do. do. Plate VI.

XIV do. do. Plate VII.

XV do. do. Plate IX.

XVI do. do. Plate XI.

Second lecture.

British Museum Catalogue. 1885. Sultans of Dehli.

I & II.

Plates I, IV

III, IV & V.

Indian Museum Catalogue. Nelson Wright. Vol. II.

pl. VIII (Sher Shah). pl. XI (Sher Shah).

do. do. Plate VII. Contemporaries of the early Sultans. Kashmir.

British Museum Catalogue. 1892. Moghul Emperors.

VI to XIII

Plates V, IX, X, XV, XVII, XX, XXIX, XXXIII.

XIV. Punjab Lahore Museum Cat., 1914. Mughal Emperors

Plate I. Plate XXI.

XV & XVI. C. J. Rodgers' Coins of the Sikhs (published in Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal): one plate of coins in Persian script & one of coins in Gurmukhi script.

At the Bedford Hotel.
Southampton Row.
London W.C.1.
14/5/21

Dear Mr Haverland Wood.

I have definitely taken a passage by the White Star liner Cedric due to leave Liverpool — miners, transportmen, stewards & industrial Workers of the World in general permitting — on May 28th & I suppose due in New York nine days later. I trust this will suit you & look forward to my visit. I hope my previous letters have reached you.

Yours sincerely
R.B. Whitehead.

At the Bedford Hotel.
Southampton Row.
London. W.C.1.
20/5/21.

Dear Mr Howland Wood.

I write to thank you very much for your kind letter of May 3rd. I have definitely taken a passage by the White Star liner Cedric due to leave Liverpool on May 28th & I suppose due in New York about nine days afterwards. If I get away from the quay between 10 & 5 I will come straight to the Museum. If after 5 I will if I may come to your house, 615 West 162nd St.

Mr Noe has landed here & is coming every day to the B. M. I am very glad to meet him.

I have given your message to Mr Allan who wishes to be remembered kindly to you.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely

R. B. Whitehead.

July 14th, 1921

R. B. Whitehead, Esq.
The Rectory
Bootle, Cumberland

Dear Whitehead:

I trust that you had a pleasant voyage back and that you felt your trip was well worth while.

I have noticed in the papers recently that the authorities are not letting everybody in now, holding up first and second cabin passengers, people of note and people who are simply travellers - some who had left this country only a few months ago. I think, however, that the law was not intended to hold up visitors, travellers, or anyone who did not intend to live here. Your little stay here has undoubtedly impressed upon you that though this is called the Land of the Free, today it is far from it.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Encs.

Bank Building,
Lawrenceville.
2/12

Dear Lawson Wood.

It is much easier to know the T. & how to enter it! I would have to be very well versed in French, & by the time I have learned the art to be quite informed, the hour slipped away, & the boat sailed away without waiting even after much entreaty. The Cadiz up off a few minutes but not in.

We are the only passengers, all of us two mostly business & Berlitz students taking a Eastern vacation. The weather was cold & stormy during the passage but the sea was calm enough, & we had the best accommodation

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book [illegible] & [illegible]. But we
yet know nothing from the India
Office but I believe I am not
necessary to India at any rate
not for a year. This should enable
me to break the back of what I
have to do — Dumani's catalogue
monograph on Indian portrait
[illegible] & [illegible] for a
[illegible] discussion in the back
[illegible].

Being to your very
considerable kindness & hospitality
I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to
New York & my journey back is
amply repaid in every way. I
was delighted to find so much
enthusiasm for Oriental [illegible]
studies and you & Mrs Dana
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the new [illegible] to.
I shall always
[illegible] memories of my visit

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34 Denning Rd.
Hampstead
London N.W. 3.
20/10/21.

Dear Howland Wood.

Many thanks for your letter of the 24th September. Needless to say I have the pleasantest memories of my stay on your side and its is nice to hear that all at the Museum wish to be remembered to me. On my part I wish them the best of luck & hope all are flourishing. I am much indebted to Mrs Wood and trust that she, Elizabeth and Sylvia are in the best of health. Please remember me kindly to her.

As regards my views I wish to say that I am in no hurry as long as there is a definite decision before next spring or even later if I am contemporary

necessary a decision is delayed so long of course as there is a chance of the decision being favourable. I should like you dearly to have them because I know they will be appreciated & cared for and probably catalogued. I think Lady Alice Nicholson Wright considers that my cabinet is the best (of the series of cabinet) ever owned by a private collector except Cunningham & of course was really not a private collector he was Director General of Archaeology in India). I suppose the Metropolitan Museum would not object to the Durbar coins being catalogued as part of a larger collection so long as they remained distinguishable & properly labelled.

I had a personal interview with Mr Montagu, Secretary of State for India, yesterday & spoke to him for a full hour. He supported my decision but did not try to persuade me to do it, and thought there would be no difficulty about a postponement. It seemed unkind to have my decision about recent honours & seemed

subdued & unobvious. I expect he feels that he has gone too far as his concessions have only succeeded in bitterly disheartening the loyal & well-disposed Indians and breaking the hearts of the Govt officers without in the least placating the extremists.

I have at last completed the Pre-Muhammadan coins of Northwestern India & will send it off to you by registered post to-morrow. I should like as many plates as you can manage of each important series of coins mentioned. Please see your own copy for this purpose (including Newell's) supplemented by a few casts sent to you some weeks ago from the B.M. (subsequently written) & a further consignment of casts of the finest Bactrian coins in the B.M. collection which should be despatched next week. My paper is in pencil but is clearly written & probably need not

be typed. Please write in the proper names very distinctly.

I am in London in readiness at the above address till Xmas & am calling at the B.M. every day. Allow me to offer to Mrs Wood his best respects. I regret he is sending copies of the book to reviewers since it will not sell.

Do we sent you Vincent on the 'Abbey the Great Mogul' as a small token of my very happy stay in New York. I could find no way of paying the duty in advance but trust it will not be very much. In any case I can make it up to you next time we meet.

With kindest regards to Mrs Wood & yourself,

Yours sincerely,

R.B. Whitehead

Please remember me kindly to Newell.

October 28th, 1921

R. B. Whitehead, Esq.
The Rectory
Bootle, Cumberland

Dear Mr. Whitehead:

I have delayed writing to you again as there is really nothing yet awhile which I can say to you concerning your coins. We have been unable to interest anyone sufficiently from a monetary standpoint up to date, but then this is often a matter that takes time.

Mr. Newell is planning to leave here on November 15th, and probably you will see him in London in November or December and he can talk further with you with regard to your coins. It is a collection which interests both Newell and me personally very much, and we are going to leave no stones unturned to divert it this way but I think we are up against a hard proposition.

How are you getting on with the two monograms for us? Also, when you send your notes about our coins to India, could you let me have a copy of these?

Trusting to see you again in the not distant future, I am

Very truly yours,

Curator

H./E

37 Denning Rd.
Hampstead.
London N.W. 3.
15/11/21

Dear Howard Wood.

Many thanks for your letter of the 2nd Nov. which has just reached me. I am glad you have received the book and the MS and am pleased that the authorities were discriminating enough not to levy duty on the former. I invent with Lord Ld. did a lot of good work after we returned. I do not see at present any likely successor to such diversel worthies as De Flect, Mathewson & McVincent with Longworth Dodds, another of this zealous & fast diminishing band, does not look as if he had much longer to live. I went to see him the other day.

A friend recently sent I found a good

sermon at the Hampstead Parish Church concerning Confirmation & attendance at Communion & the speaker advocated a Confirmation Godfather and asked his hearers to help people who might otherwise not be able to come to early Communion by providing breakfast for them. My mind at once flew back to that very Sunday when Mrs Wood so kindly initiated me at the Chapel of the Intercession. I could not have had a pleasanter and more interesting day. (with the Society's kind permission)

I am describing, ~~that~~ copy of the name Mughal sings from your Christ in a perf. I am writing for the Nun. Chron. I note what you say about 'Bell Phoresman' piece & will note mine up.

By the way I have made a bad slip in my paper which I want you to correct without fail. In my concluding remarks about person-marked

coins I have said something like this. 'I am inclined to think that these copper pieces were ~~intended to be~~ plated or intended to be plated in which case the punch-marked coins is an entirely silver currency.' Of course I was only thinking of the piece which I had just been looking at, weighing about 50 grains & cut out of solid silver. So please alter my conclusion to something like this 'I am inclined to think that these copper pieces were plated or intended to be plated in which case the punch-marked coins of the size & weight just described is an entirely silver currency. ~~These are~~ The true copper punch-marked coins are ~~much~~ thick massive pieces which are much heavier than the silver coins.'

May I have probably by this time received the casts of the B. M. Bactrian coins. I will let you have my second paper before long.

Please remember me kindly to all in the Museum. Also give my kindest

wishes to Mrs Wood, ~~the~~ Elizabeth & Sylvia.

Yours sincerely

R. B. Litchfield.

I suppose Newell will be walking into the A M Sun Room in a week's time.

December 1st, 1921

R. B. Whitehead, Esq.
34 Denning Street
Hampstead, London, NW 3

My dear Whitehead:

Your letter of November 11th received the other day. By this time you will have seen Lowell and have gotten the latest news. So far I have not heard from him.

I have been working on your manuscript laying out the cuts and have as yet only gotten through the Bactrian series. The tertative arrangement is to lay out 22 of these coins on seven plates. I do not know how many more plates the rest of the article will need; probably, we will send you a lay-out of the plates for your approval. I will see that the correction is made on the punchmarked coin about which you write.

I think one always does get the impression that the work of the present-day numismatist is never equal to that which went before, chiefly because one is too near one's own time to judge -.however, there is a grand chance for you!

The Church is working hard right now on the Nation-wide Campaign, though we in this Diocese call it "the Every Name Campaign". It was based on the idea that during the war everybody put their shoulder to the wheel and gave a certain amount of voluntary work. Why not keep on with it for the Church? - especially the stragglers and those on the outer edge.

I am enclosing the rubbing of a little brass coin which has just come in. I cannot make out which one of the new Republics, as presumably it is, issued this. Show it to John Allan.

With kind remembrances from all, I am

Very truly yours

Enc.

Bootle Rectory.
Cumberland.

21/1/22.

Dear Howard Wood:

I was very glad to see the Newbolds again. All three looked very well and I had the pleasure of meeting Mrs Marshall. Unfortunately they only stayed in London a fortnight and were out of town for part of that time so I did not see as much of them as I wished. I have not heard from him since he left for the Continent on

Dec. 5th. Before he left he was kind enough to make me an offer of £3500 for my entire collection, the sum to be paid in two instalments. This is not as much as I think the coins are worth but it helps me to sell the coins en bloc. Then I should be glad for them to go to you as I know they would be appreciated & well looked after.

I have not yet decided but shall probably accept with one suggested slight modification.

I was very busy at the B.M.

all the autumn with my Durrani Catalogue. I was just able to complete the body of the work. There will be about 950 coins, 650 in the Indian Museum, Calcutta and 300 references to coins outside it. There would will be a Corpus of the coins of Nadir Shah & the Durranis struck at mints in Afghanistan & India. I am still a free lance and am just off to Switzerland for three weeks' winter sports at Murren. From there I hope to go to Berlin to see the Indian collection there.

I have not yet had definite orders about India but think they will let me go on a proportionate pension. Even if I get the latter I am most anxious to obtain regular employment and it may not be easy for me to secure a suitable job here. There must be sometimes an opening for an orientalist on your side and I would be most grateful if you would drop me a line whenever you notice anything useful going or if you could put me in touch with the body or bodies who [illegible] to know [illegible] decide these things. [illegible]

My coins I have more than a nodding acquaintance with ~~India~~ such things as Indian brass and oriental rugs. I should have no difficulty in teaching Urdu

with Persian as my second oriental language. Professor E. J. Rapson has commissioned me to write the history of Kashmir, Panjab, & Rajputana & Sind from the close of the great Kushans to the coming of the Muhammadans for the Cambridge History of India.

I hope yourself & all at the Museum are flourishing. Please remember me very kindly to Mrs Wood and give my love to Elizabeth & Sylvia.

Yours sincerely

R.B. Whitehead.

March 8th, 1922

R. B. Whitehead, Esq.
The Rectory
Bootle, Cumberland

Dear Whitehead:

I trust you received the typewritten copy of your manuscript, although you were undoubtedly either in Switzerland or Berlin when it reached the other side. Don't forget to straighten me out on some of the coins I could not place. I have had a map drawn up and it is really a beautiful thing.

Wormser sent up to me the other day the notes of your talk before the Club, for me to whip into shape.

I have been looking over the coins of Nadir Shah in that collection about which I was speaking to you. I am, herewith, including a list of the Afghan and Indian mints -

Kandahar	1150	½ Rupee	2 Rupee
Nadirabad	1151½	½ Rupee	2 Rupee
Lahore	1152	Rupee	
Shahjahanabad	1152	Rupee	
Shukkar	1156	Rupee	
Sind	No date	Rupee - two types	
Peshawar	1152, 1153	Rupee	

We have one or two duplicates of the Shahjahanabad for sale.

I have made enquiries all around but have not located anything in the way of a position. For a short time, I thought the Metropolitan might want you. They are looking for a young American to work on the Arabic and Near East era, who they could send out to do field work. After some little deliberation they decided to look further.

I trust the world is treating you well,

Very truly yours,

EJ/c

c/o Coin Room.

BRITISH MUSEUM,

LONDON: W.C.1.

16/3/22.

My dear Howland Wood.

I am really very sorry to have delayed these papers so long. I had influenza after Christmas, left for Switzerland & Berlin before the arrival of your letter at Bootle & then was unlucky enough to get another severe chill which quite ruined my winter sports. However I subsequently had a very interesting two weeks in Berlin and had the pleasure of meeting Newell there. He arrived in Berlin on March 9th just two days before I myself left on March 11th and I was very glad to see him. He looked very fit and had evidently had a splendid trip through Italy & Greece including a ~~trip~~ visit to

Constantinople. Perhaps you will have heard that the British Museum has been stimulated by a desire to acquire my collection. Mr Hill wrote to Newell who has been kind enough to waive his right temporarily. The Museum will know for certain by the middle of April whether they can raise the necessary funds or not. This is a quite unexpected development. It is not easy for me to express my feeling in the matter as I am so much indebted to the kindness of the B.M. on the one side and of Newell, himself & the American Society on the other. However Mr Hill & Newell have arranged between themselves & I am awaiting the decision.

The Berlin Museum acquired the Guthrie Collection in 1876. This is one of the classical Indian collections & I found a lot of new material amongst the Mughals. Colonel Guthrie's notices are expert. His Pathans are disappointing & his Sikhs are negligible.

BRITISH MUSEUM,

LONDON: W.C.1.

The Indo-Sassanians are very fine & of course there are exceptional prizes amongst the miscellaneous coins. The authorities of the Kaiser Friedrich Museum gave me a kind reception & I saw quite a lot of Berlin in the time at my disposal.

As regards the enclosed plates I send a cast of one of the finest known 'lion-slayer' types of Chandra gupta II. This will need rendisplacement of Plate 11. I should be sorry if you cut down the number of plates to 12 as it is difficult to say which coin or coins should be omitted. Why not increase the number to 14? You can easily crowd a few more coins more — "Not Peas", but Brassmen/ or

a parent [illegible] By the way there is a lapwing and a 'Spoonbill' seen in the Guthrie collection.

I am very interested to hear Guthrie's [illegible] in New Forest. It is sad to think of the Indian birds being scattered to the four winds. There has been formal intimation from the India Office to my retirement at an proportionate pension and we have now got to look in earnest for work.

Please remember me very kindly to Mrs Wood. I hope she, Elizabeth & Sylvia are well & flourishing.

With best wishes
Yours sincerely
R. B. Whitehead.

March 30th, 1922

R. B. Whitehead, Esq.
Bootle Rectory
Cumberland, England

My dear Whitehead:

Your letter with the manuscript came to hand the other day and I have gone over the latter again; it is now about ready for the printer. I am making 14 plates, adding two more White Hun coins and the Elephant and Lion copper of Samanta Deva. I also inserted the Chandragupta piece, of which you sent a casting.

I am sorry you had not been feeling up to the scratch, but I trust you will reform and be a [illegible]!

I am glad you met Newell in Berlin. He wrote me about the B.M. bestirring themselves regarding your collection. We would be very sorry to lose it out, as both Newell and I told you, we do not care to enter into anything but a friendly rivalry with the B.M. I am glad to know that Newell looked well; I was afraid that he might be tiring himself out.

I wonder if things will now take a turn for the better with the change of Departmental heads over India.

I would certainly like to see the Berlin Cabinet; it is my hope to get there the next time I go to Europe.

My father has just been to Germany and I expect him back tomorrow.

Very truly, for the time-being,

H./L

July 6th, 1922

R. B. Whitehead, Esq.
The Rectory
Bootle, Cumberland

Dear Mr. Whitehead:

Mr. Wood has asked me to write a "chatty" letter to you and tell you all the latest happenings at the Society!

First of all, you will be glad to know that Mr. Wood's operation was successful and that he is now out of hospital and ready to leave for the country, where he expects to get back his full strength. We have missed him very much at the Museum and look forward to his return in August just before the Convention takes place. Before his operation, he put away the Napoleonic exhibition and has now on display U.S. coins and medals.

In your last letter to Mr. Moe, you mentioned the fact that you had also written to Mr. Wood - this letter was never received, and Mr. Wood hopes that if it has gone astray it was nothing of very particular importance. He would be glad to hear from you again.

We are extremely busy with four monographs on the press at the same time - Vlasto's "Seated Deckist", one from Mrs. Brett's pen, Mr. G. F. Hill's "Attambelos I of Characene and Mr. Wood's "Commemorative Coins of the U.S." I hope you were pleased with the appearance of your "Pre-Mohammadan Coinage" monograph; it has received much favorable criticism here.

Of course, you will have read of the death of Mr. Saltus. The news came as a great shock to us, and it is difficult to believe that we shall not see him again. Our Society has

suffered several losses of late - Dr. Saltus, Dr. Ries, who died suddenly in Jerusalem, Dr. Comparette, of the Philadelphia Mint, and Mr. Emerson McMillin, all of whom died very suddenly, and these have left a sad gap in our membership.

Trusting you are well, and that at some future time we shall see you again in New York.

Sincerely yours,

Boothe Rectory,
Cumberland.
9/7/22.

Dear Howland Wood.

It is just a year to-day since I embarked on the good ship Cassalia for my return voyage from New York. How the time has flown! I thoroughly enjoyed my little trip to the States & the climate seemed to suit me to a T. Not that I have been ailing since my return home but I was particularly fit every minute of the time I was with you. Mrs Howland Wood & yourself were kind to me, & I reciprocity itself. I shall always remember the good time you gave me.

I have succeeded in getting my proportionate pension. It started a fortnight ago. I have made up my mind to join the School of Agriculture at Cambridge if they will

have me) & go up there for the long Vac^n Term to-morrow as a sort of preliminary canter. Agric^l research seems to me the one thing which technically will not be beyond my reach at my time of life, is something in which my Indian experience counts a little bit and in which I can combine active outdoor work with indoor study. Of course I could have ~~stuck~~ gone to Iceland & worked at Icelandic history & antiquities but I feel strongly that I require something more practical & active. The history & coins will go on much as before. I thoroughly enjoyed the Indian coins at Berlin in March (where by the way I was delighted to meet Newell again) & I have 160 casts to add to my material. I have signed a contract to give the Cambridge Univ^y Press [illegible] pages for the Cambridge

History of India, second volume,
by Dec 31st, on Kashmir, Punjab,
N. W. Frontier Province & Rajputana
from the close of the Great
Kushans to the coming of the
Muhammadans. I shall be able to spend
myself on the White Huns.

I have finished the
biography of my hypothetical Corpus
of the Coins of Nadir Shah & the
Durrani Dynasty. The number
of coins described will not be
far short of one thousand.
In advance on Longworth Dames!
But alas! Sir John Marshall
informs me that the financial
stringency in India precludes the
production of the volume for the
present. He will not even pay
my very modest honorarium of
£ 50. The estimate of the Oxford
University Press for 500 copies
was £360. As the work is a labour

it will suit any Museum which processes Dinnari coins. I asked Allan if ~~there~~ the B.M. would contemplate the production. He said that the Geddes case has cut down the Coin Room building grant to £3 10 0 a year. This sounds positively farcical! I wonder if your people would care to produce it? The subject is not without interest & importance & is barely a virgin field. The fact that you have only a few Dinnari is not near, I think. I paid two final visits to Bahawal in September & October, 1920 & made selections of 90 silver coins for Lahore, Calcutta & the B.M. respectively. ~~La~~ The B.M. now that it has purchased my collection does not want this selection which is still lying at B' pur. Does it interest you

at all? The price was (I think) Rs 2500. Of course B' fur now that I am out of India may become obstinate & unreasonable but I can try.

The B. M's purchase of my coins came as a surprise to me. I should have been almost as glad if you had taken them. Never is a risk.

I am glad to hear from Noë that your vacation has not given you too much trouble. So sorry to hear it was necessary.

With kind regards to Mrs Howland Wood & yourself, & love to Elizabeth & Sylvia,

Yours sincerely

R B. Whitehead

I like my monograph & trust it

will interest your members. The death of Mr Saltus was an unexpected tragedy.

March 23rd, 1923.

Mr. R. B. Whitehead,
21 Jesus Lane,
Cambridge, England.

Dear Mr. Whitehead:-

Your letter to Mr. Noe reached here awhile ago, and as Mr. Noe is still in Greece I will take this opportunity of writing you again. We can always use your article and better late than never, and if it is not published now it will be published then, so set your mind at rest on that score.

I trust that you will be able to make a good account of yourself in your new venture, and in due course will be looking forward to see a chronicle of the Agricultural Revolution that is being carried on in England to the effect that England not only is feeding herself but is exporting food stuffs to Ireland and America.

I have been pretty busy this winter running the whole show in Noe's absence, and now we are all upset as both our Museum and that of the Hispanic Society as well as all of the grounds and terrace have been turned over for an immense sculpture exhibition which will last all summer.

I doubt if Mr. Noe gets to England on his way back, and when any of the rest of us will get over is beyond me.

Very truly yours,

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE,
CAMBRIDGE.

26 Marlborough Rd.
Southport.
Lancashire.

6/4/25

Dear Howland Wood.

I have much pleasure in sending you under separate cover three copies of my recent paper on the Indo-Greeks & their dominions. There is one copy for yourself, one for Mr Noë, and the third for your Library. Mr Hill kindly allowed me to publish coins which belonged to myself,

but my main object was to say something about my own experiences as a coin collector in the Punjab and the deductions that I made from them. I have always thought that scholars in Europe were inclined to magnify unduly the so-called Bactrian empire in India; for example the authorities in the first volume of the Cambridge History of India talk freely of Greeks in the Eastern Punjab, where as a matter of fact their coins, for all practical purposes, are never found. Greek coins are never found even in Lahore.

I am quite convinced that the power of the Indo-Greeks was confined to the hilly districts of the extreme N.W. Punjab, & of course to the Kābul valley & neighbouring localities west of the Indus. However you will see what I have to say on these points. I greatly admire the accounts of Dr Macdonald & Prof. Rapson but I differ from them a little bit. Dr Macdonald talks of Eucratides & his fellow-countrymen * being driven S.E. into the plains of India by the pressure of the Indo-Scythians (pp. 14 & 15 of my paper), but the

accepted view is that the Indo-Scythians did not come down into India from the N.W., they came into the Indus valley (Sind) via Herāt & Seistān, & invade the N.W. Punjab from the south & east. Hence the pressure of the Indo-Scythians was in just the opposite direction, & tended to drive the Greeks further into the hills than they were already! This is a point I failed to make in my paper.

The remarks I have to make on find-spots are very scanty, but we all do what can find. I wish Cunningham had ~~said~~ recorded all he knew, but

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St JOHN'S COLLEGE,
CAMBRIDGE.

he is almost completely silent on this point in his coin papers. Mr Noë must accept these poor notes as all that I can give him. A few months ago I wrote to Quetta & to Peshawar asking for the favour of information about ind-spots of Indo-Greek & Indo-Scythian coins. A reply just to hand from Quetta says that they have nothing to report. In my paper I describe all known types of silver coins of Strato. No. 29 was a new type, but very much rubbed & too poor to illustrate.

I have just been sent two more of this type which show that the left shoulder of the javelin thrusting king, the shoulder exposed to the enemy which is usually protected by the aegis, is covered by a lion's skin. This is quite a new feature. By the way these Rawalpindi dealers are anxious to send coins to America. Shall I give them your or Newell's address? If you are agreable I can give you an idea of the prices I myself used to pay for these coins. But I think one or two of these people are already sending coins to America. Didn't Mehr Chand send cross a small

square silver coin of Maues of the 'biga' type? I hope that either yourself or Newell got it because it is a very interesting & scarce. I have never heard of any others beyond the Cunningham specimens (two I think) in the B.M.

The coin paper I still owe you is very much on my conscience but I am in the thick of my work — or the final exam. in my special Agric. subject (Genetics) which takes place in two months' time. After that I hope to polish off my arrears.

How are Mrs Howland Wood & the children? Is there any chance of your coming

across this year? I have pleasa
memories of the members of your
staff; I especially remember Miss
Earle & Mrs de Quetteville. Are the
still with you or have there been
changes? Please remember me
to them. How are Mr & Mrs
Newell? I wonder if
Newell has ever met Charles Seltman.
I see the latter in Cambridge.

With kind remembrances
to you all.

Yours sincerely

T.B. Whitehead.

I much admired Mrs Baldwin's
monograph on the coins of Lampsakos.

May 18th, 1925

R. B. Whitehead, Esq.
26 Marlborough Road
Southport, Lancs.

Dear Whitehead:

Your favour, which by-the-way was most welcome, arrived two or three weeks ago.

I read your account of the Bactrian coins with much interest although, frankly, I am no great student of these. I like the way you handle the subject with the references and other pertinent facts that you name.

We are very shorthanded here just now. Newell is in Europe, our Treasurer in France, and Mrs. Brett (Agnes Baldwin) whom I think you did not meet except through publications, is in Athens.

I have been making jabs here and there at arranging our Collection, but a big foreign medal exhibition has kept me more or less away from the Coin Room. Now I am sending several thousand medals back to sixteen different countries, so that at times I do not know whether I am a numismatist or a shipping clark (suitable pronunciation for our English corresponding member - V. Earle).

One or two Rawal Pindi dealers have sent coins to Newell. Mehr Chand, I know, has sent some things and Newell bought either all or most that he sent over here, therefore I think he got the scarce piece about which you write.

I trust you have succeeded in doing what you have undertaken in the agricultural line. If you know more than anyone else about how to get rid of pests, fungi and other enemies of plany life, you will make a "killing" in this country. We have imported so many kinds of fruits from all over the world that we unwaringly brought the pests along too, and they have had families and are living on the fat of the land. As you may know, I moved out to Flushing, Long Island, a couple of years ago and am now a serf tied to the land, and the chances of my getting to Europe for some time to come are very remote.

Miss Emale is still with us and sends her regards. In a few days she is sailing for England for a visit home and will return in August. Mrs. de Quetteville left about two years ago, and is doing well downtown. Mrs. Wood and the children wish to be remembered to you.

Very truly yours,

Curator

CAMBRIDGE 2109.

30, MILLINGTON ROAD,
CAMBRIDGE.

15th August, 1904

Dear Haverland Wood.

I have been intending to write to you for shall I say years past. The more I have let the time go by & the more difficult I have made it for myself; & I really have no explanation to offer beyond considerable regret that I have let myself get so entirely out of touch with yourself & other good friends on your side.

I hope your wife & yourself will forgive me. I never enjoyed anything more than my very pleasant sojourn in New York in the summer of 1921; you both were kindness itself to me. It was a critical period in my life as I had made up my mind to give up India but did not know what I could do instead. Eventually I joined St John's College, Cambridge (I was an Oxford man) in Oct., 1922 & worked at the School of Agriculture with the idea of taking part in Research or something of that kind. This was a mistake; I had deserted my real subject and felt rather unhappy & at

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sea. It was this frame of mind which made me estrange myself from you & others. I wasted a lot of time but took the Diploma in Agriculture in 1926 without any encouragement whatever from the powers that be in that subject. Luckily a small University appointment fell vacant soon after, the Advisership to Indian students, & I was fortunate enough to get it so I came back to Indian affairs in spite of my great effort to free myself from them. I need scarcely say that Indian students do not, or never come to me for advice.

My main job is to deal with a large number of applicants who try hard for a small number of places at this University. Then at the end of 1928 I married an old friend & we are very happy in this small house at the Newnham end of Cambridge. I have gradually got back to Indian coins & have at last produced Vol. III of the Panjab Museum Cat., a copy of which was sent to your Society. What a lot has happened on both sides of the Herring pond since 1921! Nicholls has not been over for a long time; I do not know about Nicholls. I do not think Mrs Wood & yourself have been in England since

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I fear your visit is overdue. Elizabeth & Helen are of course grown up ladies by this time. I have no family. My father retired from Booth, Cumberland in 1924 & died very suddenly 2½ years afterwards; my widowed stepmother still lives in Southport, Lancashire.

I hope you will renew relations with me. I much appreciate my Corresponding Membership of the A.M.S. & the privilege of receiving the Num. Notes & Monographs which maintain a high level of

interest & encouragement. I believe that I offered to do a number for the Mus^m Coinage of N.W. India, if the Society would still like this. I promise to complete it without undue delay.

I hope you are all well & working.

Yours sincerely

R.P.S. Whitehead.

I am sending under separate cover short copies of my papers. I am sure you were specially interested in that on Zodiacal Coins.

September 12, 1934.

R. B. Whitehead, Esq.
30 Millington Road
Cambridge, England.

Dear Whitehead:

I was most glad to hear from you. I have thought of you often, especially as I read your occasional contributions to numismatics. I have carefully gone through your Panjab Museum Catalogue and I am enclosing a number of pieces we had here that you do not list. I am doing this as possibly you would like to have the information. I thought that when you were over here you made notes of some of these coins as your handwriting is on one or two of the boxes. You may possibly remember we have quite a large collection of Afghan coins.

I think you have done a wonderful piece of work but I am a little sorry that while you did such a good work and included pieces not in the museum collection you did not aim at completeness. Possibly not with Nadir Shah but with the Durrani rulers. Take Ahmad - as far as I know he had only one other mint you did not mention - that was Meshhed.

Now a little about ourselves. For eleven or twelve years we have been living in Flushing, a suburb of New York on Long Island, and for the past six years we have been going to a camp in the woods in Connecticut abbut fifty miles from New York. Both children have grown up. Elizabeth married when she was eighteen, which was about one and three quarter years ago. She has a baby seven weeks old so you see I am a grandfather! Sylvia has just finished school and is going to Boston this fall to study commercial art. She has developed into quite a horsewoman and also sails a boat. She could not have been more than five years old when you were here. As for Mrs. Wood, she looks about the same as she did when you were over; and as for myself, I do not know that I have changed much. We have been following the even tenor of our lives both at home and at the museum and have ridden through the depression in pretty good shape. We have added a large addition to the building so that we are over three times the size that we were when you were here. I have a large vault two stories high and fifty feet long filled with those large steel cabinets which would accomodate many hundred thousand coins without crowding. I have had one or two different assistants but have a good one now who has been here about six years.

I still get very little chance to specialize as I find I

have to do a little of everything. Newell has not been to Europe for several years but is still actively collecting and is in the building a large part of the time. Noe is still with us and is very much on the job. I have heard now and then indirectly about you and glad to know that at least you are doing something somewhat to your liking. Let us hope you will step into a bigger opening.

I have been corresponding quite a lot in recent years with W. H. Biddell who was in this country some years ago and is on government service there in Ceylon. Just when I can get to England is problematical. I always have Europe in mind but never felt I could afford to take the two children over.

As regards our monographs, the situation is this. We would be glad to have you submit the manuscript of the Mohammedan Coinage of N.W. India, but we have made a ruling that we promise nothing or guarantee to accept anything until we see the manuscript. This ruling was made by the Council sometime ago, as we got let in on something that we really did not want after seeing it. Therefore, if you want to go ahead on this proposition we would be very glad to have you.

Let us both drop one and another a line now and then because it is too bad after the good times we did have together that summer that we should drop all correspondence. Please excuse for having this letter typewritten and the briefness of it but I have just gotten back from my vacation.

Very truly yours,

December 12, 1934.

R. B. Whitehead, Esq.
30 Millington Road
Cambridge, England.

Dear Whitehead:

Your reprints from the Chronicle came yesterday and I want to thank you very much for sending these on. I am very glad to get these as heretofore I have had to refer to the Chronicle for these. I can now bind these up separate and refer to them without looking up which number they were in.

With the Compliments of the Season, I remain

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

CAMBRIDGE 2109.

30, MILLINGTON ROAD,
CAMBRIDGE.

13th Decr, 1934.

Dear Howland Wood.

I was very pleased indeed to receive your kind & welcome letter of the 12th September. May I explain that my own letter was written just as my wife & I were leaving for a holiday in Italy & I found that I had not time to get off the parcel of reprints; I did this on my return home.

As regards the Durrani Coin Catalogue, I deliberately omitted mints outside Afghanistan & India & I say this at once in my Preface. Of course the Persian coins of Nadir belong to the Persian series. This is not true of Durrani coins struck in Persia but the only mints known to me are Meshed & Khoi. I mention both these in the opening paragraph of the Mint Notes. Perhaps it would have been better if I had inserted types & dates. I feel really sorry that I did not at least mention that there was a large representative collection of

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Dawani coins in the Museum of the A.N.S.; that is the penalty of losing touch, my own fault. The fact is that I was not particularly interested in Dawanis at the time I was with you, though I must have noticed outstanding oddities in your Cabinet. I am much obliged for the list of coins; it was very good of you to draw it up. I specially note the double reverse of Zuman. I should say that the 'unknown ruler' coin is a

Bankyai piece.

Thank you for the news about yourselves. It is difficult to realise that you are a grandfather. I am delighted to know that things are well with Mrs Wood & yourself. I was nearly fifty before I married & my wife is much about my own age. I must have told you that my father retired from Brotherton Rectory, Sunderland in the spring of 1924 & died in the fall of 1927 at 20 Plumbrough Rd, Southport, Lancashire. My widowed stepmother still lives in this house at Southport — is well on the road to her eightieth year.

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30, MILLINGTON ROAD,
CAMBRIDGE.

I am with friends, I write this letter, & return to Cambridge next week.

I note what you say about the management & gladly accept the conditions.

I am sending you a little book on English Cathedrals with all the compliments of the Season.

Wishing Mrs Wood & yourself a very Merry Xmas and a prosperous New Year, I remain sincerely

R. B. Whitehead

CAMBRIDGE 2109.

30, MILLINGTON ROAD,
CAMBRIDGE.

16/12/35

Dear Howland Wood

I did not reply to your letter of January 18th but acted upon it and received a letter of some-explanation, some-apology from the Punjab Museum & understand you have been sent the required casts. It should be a policy of give & take between Museums, and nobody is more generous in giving than you are of course. I fancy this extraordinary episode was ~~brought~~ adopted

permit-location by some jack-in-office at the Punjab Museum.

Things with my wife & all are much as usual. I am sending a paper to the A.S.B. (Numismatic Supplt.) in India including particulars of the Durrani coins. At New York Nora & I ought to have gone to the Oriental Congress at Rome in September but she died off as she thought conditions might be difficult. I have no fortnightly night. It was a pity because Morris Rome also had quite a good subject for a paper 'Multan & the Force of Gold.'

I hope Mrs Wood & the family are flourishing.

With best X mas wishes to you all,

Yours sincerely
R. B. Whitehead

December 30, 1935.

Mr. R. B. Whitehead
30 Millington Road
Cambridge, England.

Dear Mr. Whitehead:

Your letter came in on the morning's mail and I was as usual most glad to hear from you. Things have been going along here in more or less of a routine manner filled with minor events and a certain proportion of unexpected things of a not greatly important nature. Always certain new things are turning up but when you cast your mind back it does not seem as if there was really much to chronicle. With our new museum over twice the size of the old one and with not enough of a staff to really man it, I keep pretty well tied down. I would like a chance to again get to Europe but I do not see how it is possible. Possibly the Madam and Sylvia may go over in a year or so, the daughter to study art because Sylvia is developing into a sculptress and has been studying hard in Boston the past two years. Elizabeth, I think I have already written you, is married and has a daughter. They are living about an hour's travel by train from New York in high, dry ground overlooking a large lake.

In due course after I wrote you about the high-handedness of the Punjab Museum I got a letter from them stating that if I sent a certain required sum they would send the casts on. I sent on the money and received in due time the casts, although the casts and the information I got were not worth it. I really think all museums ought to cooperate to the extent of their ability and resources. Of course a very large job ought to be paid for unless both museums are swapping many casts and photographs. The Italian museums are notorious in not giving one any help. In the course of a year we really send to the B. M. and get from them a great deal of casts, information, etc. Ever since John Walker has been at the B. M. we have been in constant correspondence. I am beginning to feel that I know him pretty well, although I have never seen him.

December 30, 1935.

I trust Nelson Wright will get out his book on the Dehli Sultans pretty soon. I understand it is being printed. Remember me to all concerned and many thanks for the reprint on Mir Ja'Furs' Medal. With the Compliments of the Season and trusting 1936 will give you a good break, I remain

Sincerely yours,

HW:JG

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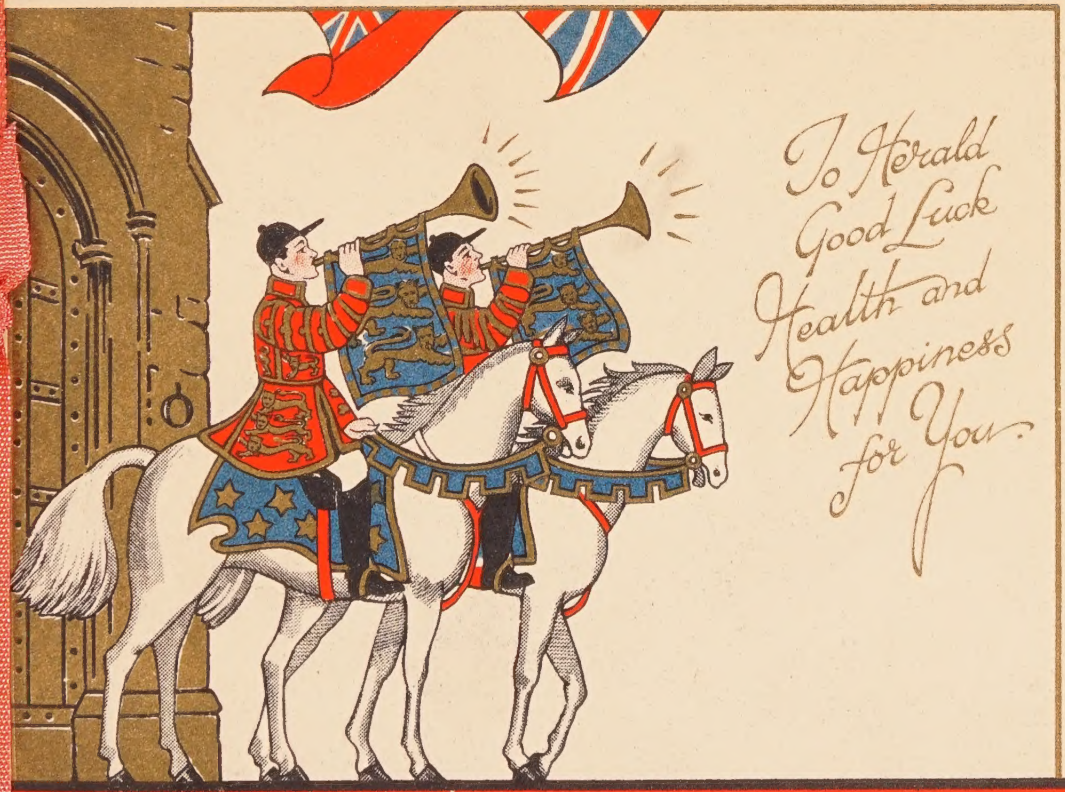
To Herald
Good Luck
Health and
Happiness
for You.

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Dear Mr Howland Wood.

This comes to Mrs Howland Wood and to yourself with all kind thoughts & the best compliments of the Season. I hope your daughters are flourishing. Things with us are much the same. My Secretary, Miss Hilda Shoote, was on your side in August & September visiting an aunt at New Wilmington, Pa. With kind regards,

Yours sincerely
R.B. Whitehead.

Christmas, 1937.

Kind Remembrance
and Best Wishes
for Christmas
and the New Year.
From
Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Whitehead.

30 Millington Road,
Cambridge.

December 24, 1937

Dear Mr. Whitehead;

Your Christmas Card just at hand and I certainly was glad to hear from you. I have been extremely busy the last few years as accessions are coming in in large quantities, at least thirty thousand for this year. Mrs. Wood and I have both been well; the daughters have grown up. Elizabeth has two girls, the oldest three and they live in the suburbs. Sylvia is studying sculpture and should make her mark some day. She is now at a wonderful place near Detroit, Michigan.

With best regards to you and Mrs. Whitehead for a happy and prosperous 1938, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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